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BAD TEACHER = BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

J.K. Simmons accepts the Academy Award for best actor in a supporting role, for his performance as a menacing music teacher in *Whiplash*, at the Oscars on Sunday at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles. For more Oscar coverage, see pages 11 & 12. JOHN SHEARER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grade 4s to learn risks of sexting

Education. Ontario's new sex-ed curriculum to also cover respect, online bullying

Students will learn about the benefits and potential dangers of online activity in Grade 1 and about sexting in Grade 4 under Ontario's revised sex-education curriculum, which will be released Monday.

The Canadian Press obtained a copy of a "quick facts" guide for parents that will be released as part of the first update of the province's health and physical education curriculum since 1998 — before smartphones and "sexting," or sexual texting, became part of our vocabulary.

The guide says students in Grades 1, 2 and 3 will learn initial searching skills and strategies for safe Internet use, including "how to get help for themselves or others if harassment or abuse happens either face-to-face or online."

The primary-grade students will also learn the difference between real and fictional violence, in the media or with online games, and "respectful communications."

Quoted

"Peers, romantic partners or even strangers can pressure or coerce a young person to participate in sexting." From a "quick facts" guide for parents on the new curriculum

in the gym, classroom and schoolyard.

Even some elementary school students have sent sexually explicit pictures of themselves to someone online, while 11 per cent of Grade 10 students and about 14 per cent of those in Grade 11 say they have sent a sext, according to the 2015 study *Young Canadians in a Wired World*.

"As students get older, they are more likely to sext," the guide warns parents. "Many students are unaware of the potential effects and consequences of sexting."

Students in Grades 4 and up will learn more about using technology to support learning and improved communication, and about the dangers of online bullying.

Grades 4, 5 and 6 students will learn more specifically about the risks of sexting and protecting their privacy online, and about the possible legal, social and emotional implications of sending sexually explicit digital images online.

"Peers, romantic partners or even strangers can pressure or coerce a young person to participate in sexting," the guide tells parents. "Once a person sends a sext, they lose control of it."

The guide advises parents that blocking Internet content is "typically ineffective" for older children and youth, and says the focus should be on helping kids develop skills for thinking critically about what they see online.

Government and education sources have confirmed Education Minister Liz Sandals will release details of the new sex-ed curriculum at a Monday morning news conference at Queen's Park.

The Liberals abandoned an earlier attempt to update the sex-ed curriculum in 2010 after protests by some religious groups, but Premier Kathleen Wynne, who warned it is "dangerously out of date," promised the update will be in place for the start of the school year in September.

The reintroduced curriculum is not expected to show a marked departure from what was proposed in 2010. It will teach kids about homosexuality and same-sex marriages in Grade 3, encourage discussions about puberty, including masturbation, in Grade 6, and talk about preventing sexually transmitted diseases in Grade 7, which could include information on oral and anal sex.

Wynne has said students should start learning facial cues and how to read body language as early as Grade 1 to give them the ability to understand the concept of consent. THE CANADIAN PRESS

For more on what local residents think about the curriculum update, turn to page 3.

Twin siblings in hospital following Gatineau fire

Evacuation. Blaze started as children slept and older brother went out for pizza: Reports



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Twelve-year-old twins from Gatineau were sent to hospital following an apartment fire on

Saturday night.

All four two-level units at 75 Marengère were evacuated at around 11 p.m. The twins, a boy and girl, were taken to hospital.

Their 17-year-old brother, Daniel Rondeau, told CTV and Radio Canada that he had been babysitting them, when he and his girlfriend went out for about 20 minutes to pick up a pizza down the street after the twins had gone to sleep.

Neighbours called 911

when they noticed the blaze.

Sylvie Laflamme's neighbouring apartment still smelled like smoke on Sunday morning. A heat bubble had formed in her kitchen floor tiles and a trail of plaster remained on her bedroom floor, beneath the small hole firefighters had dug into the ceiling.

Another neighbour in the building said she heard a knock on the door at around 11 p.m. and was told to leave

with her family. They stayed in an apartment next door.

The family apartments are owned by the city's Office municipal d'habitation de Gatineau.

They were built in 1983.

La Presse Canadienne is reporting the cause of the fire is still unknown.

Damage to the building was estimated at \$100,000 and fire officials believe the blaze started in the kitchen.

Police are investigating.



Fire damage is evident at an apartment at 75 Marengère on Sunday. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO



They're freezin' but it's for a good reason

Megan Cruickshank reacts after taking the Polar Plunge at TD Place in Ottawa on Saturday morning. The temperature outside was about -18 C. The Freezing for a Reason Polar Plunge event raised more than \$25,000 for the 2015 Special Olympics provincial floor hockey championship at Carleton University in May. MIKE CARROCETTO/FOR METRO

Ian Bush

Suspect in attack on vet charged in 2007 triple slaying

Ottawa management consultant Ian Bush, 59, has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder in the 2007 killings of tax judge Alban Garon, his wife Raymonde and their neighbour Marie-Claire Benikos.

Ottawa police Staff Sgt. Bruce Pirt, who was on the case eight years ago, said that it was a "big moment" when investigators were able

to match DNA from a recent home invasion to the 2007 crime scene at the Garons' home.

"Any unsolved case has its difficulties and this case was plagued with difficulties," Pirt told reporters following a press conference to announce the charges at police headquarters Friday.

"It just took a long time, a number of teams and a lot of people, and we brought it all together. From past investigative teams to current investigative teams, it was a very big moment."

The DNA link came in December when Bush was



Ian Bush LINKEDIN

arrested for allegedly breaking into 101-year-old decorated war veteran Ernest Côté's upscale home.

Bush is accused of tying Côté up and placing a bag over his head before leaving him for dead. The war hero got free and called police.

Bush was subsequently charged with a slew of offences, including attempted murder in the break-in.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Homelessness

Odawa centre plans march to protest funding cuts

The Odawa Native Friendship Centre is organizing a "peaceful march" on Wednesday in downtown Ottawa to denounce the city's decision to cut funding to the centre's drop-in centre for homeless aboriginal people because of the federal government's change in funding strategy.

The city announced earlier this month funding to the

Shawenjeagamik Aboriginal Drop-In Centre at 510 Rideau St. would end this year. The funding, administered by the city, comes from the federal government, which has adopted a "housing first" policy that now directs two-thirds of its money toward programs aimed at housing the homeless rather than other services.

The march will start at Parliament Hill at 10 a.m. and will end at city hall.

Organizers are calling on the city to restore funding to prevent the 10-year-old refuge from shutting down on March 31. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Ottawa parents weigh in on sex education overhaul

Welcome change.

Old curriculum lacking, say attendees at staging of The Vagina Monologues

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When Lindsay McGrath's twin daughters start Grade 4 in Ottawa next year, the risks of "sexting" will be in the curriculum and she's OK with that.

In Grade 6, their class will discuss masturbation and puberty. A year later, their sex education classes will include information about oral and anal sex.

It's part of the Ontario Liberal government's revised sex education curriculum, which will be released on Monday and be part of the school programs next fall. Sex ed has not been updated since 1998 — well before smartphones and the prevalence of the Internet.

Under the new curriculum, students will also learn differences between real and fictional violence in video games and "respectful communications" at school.

McGrath said she thinks the updated program is "fantastic" because her girls are currently not learning about sex in class. She says she thinks it is better to teach them early, so that when they do have to deal with it, they already know about it and have coping strategies firmly in place.

"Kids today have a lot more to worry about than when I was a kid, and the more knowledge we can give them, the better," she said, in an email to Metro.

Other parents have said they are teaching their own kids about sex.

Asante Mungele, a Grade 10 student in the Catholic School system, said her mother gave her tickets to the Vagina Monologues at the Bronson Centre on Sunday as a teaching tool.

She and her friend, Imelda Basudde, were both shocked to hear the sex ed curriculum would start in elementary school.

"When we were in Grade 4, we weren't really thinking about that (sexting), but then when we think of ... our younger siblings ... they grow up faster," said Basudde, during the show's intermission.

Unsurprisingly, many



Performer Helen Roos answers a question following the Feb. 22 showing of the Vagina Monologues at the Bronson Centre. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

parents at the show were in favour of more progressive sex education in the classrooms.

"I think if you're old enough to be online, then you're old enough to know what the risks are," said

Carla Parchelo, of the Sexual Assault Support Centre.

She said she took her son's sexual education into her own hands, as she felt that a classroom's anatomical diagram failed to teach him about consent, sexual orientation and language.

Vagina Monologues volunteer Erin Albright said she took a similar approach with her kids, aged nine and 17, because she said the school's current sex education is "lacking."

"I would not tell them that this is a pee-pee," she said. "This is a penis or this is a vagina. You have to use the proper terms or else they will call them coochie snorchers." **WITH FILES FROM THE TORONTO STAR AND THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Police workplace complaints rising

The number of "respectful workplace" complaints within the Ottawa Police Service almost doubled last year, but the head of the police union said the figures might not point to a crisis.

Police chief Charles Bordeleau will present the Positive Workplace 2014 Annual Report Monday evening at the Ottawa Police Services Board Meeting.

Launched in 2007, the "Respectful Workplace" program was the force's response from members who wanted to address cases of conflict, harassment, and discrimination on the job. According to the

report, there were 60 cases of Respectful Workplace issues in 2014, which was an increase from 37 the year before.

The report states, however, the 2014 cases involved 173 employees, which represents just under nine per cent of all civilian and sworn members.

In 2013, the 37 cases involved 113 members.

"While I haven't seen the report, from the volume that we've seen, it's been no different in my tenure in that position," said Ottawa Police Association president Matt Skof.

But Skof said if a particular squad or unit within the force raised a collective grievance

at one time, for example, that could drive the numbers up.

The figures in the 2014 report reveal most of the employees who filed a complaint are men who were involved in group complaints.

"From my perspective, from a labour perspective, given that the organization is 2,000 people, it's still hugely comparable on our volume levels," he added. Examples of possible complaints could include issues relating to how a sergeant gives orders to a constable, time-off requests, ordering an officer to a crime scene, or even lunch breaks.

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Pinball punks compete for street cred in tournament

Competition. Nostalgia part of the allure

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Dozens of arcade aficionados hailing from as far as Vermont, Toronto, and Montreal, descended onto Ottawa Sunday for some perogies, hand massages, and a shot at pinball fame.

"It's almost like a cult," said Robert Gagnon inside the House of Targ on Bank Street, "and this is our church!"

Gagnon was among the 42 people registered in the Ottawa Punk Pinball Tournament — a sanctioned event with the International Flipper Pinball Association (IFPA) — organized by House of Targ regular Adam Montgomery. IFPA tracks Pinball Player Rankings from players around the world, including Montreal's Adam Kiesler.

Kiesler, 30, is ranked in the Top 10 players in Canada and Top 150 in the world. Last November, he was crowned champion

pion at the previous Ottawa tournament. Speaking over the furious clinking of several flippers as the tournament started, he stated confidently, "I didn't drive two hours to lose."

Between matches, players enjoyed short hand massages by Sage Wellness therapists.

What makes a good pinball wizard is being able to learn the little "quirks" in each game as well as controlling the ball and being accurate, says Kiesler.

"You need to know what to do and you need to know how to execute it," he explained before winning against his first opponent in Doctor Who.

In March, he's headed to Pittsburgh to compete against more than 1,000 players in the Professional & Amateur Pinball Association World Championships.

Like Kiesler, Gagnon, who is from Gatineau, is also a serious pinball collector — he's purchased 14 pinball machines within the last year. But for him, it's more a fun hobby that takes him back to the "good old days" when he would play



Montreal native Adam Kiesler competes in a pinball tournament in Ottawa's House of Targ on Sunday. In March, Kiesler will compete in the PAPA World Pinball Championships in Pittsburgh. JOE LOFARO/METRO

games like The Addams Family as a youth.

"The first thing about pin-

ball is nostalgia," he said.

Players of all ages and genders came out Sunday, and the

smell of perogies, a staple in the House of Targ, filled the air.

Co-owners Kevin Birger and

Mark McHale were thrilled with turnout, which they said has doubled since November.

Wannabe musicians to compete in first Ottawa Lip Sync Battle



Steven Tyler and Jimmy Fallon perform during Hurricane Sandy: Coming Together Nov. 2, 2012, in New York. Fallon, who excels at real music, has also inspired a local Ottawa promoter with frequent lip syncing competitions on The Tonight Show. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/NBC FILE

Lip sync diehards: This is your chance to turn on the Tina Turner, dust off your KISS costume or relearn all the words to Gangsta's Paradise. You can revert back to elementary school or pretend you're on the Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon.

The Ottawa Lip Sync Battle at the Brass Monkey on Greenbank Road will be the city's first silent singalong smackdown.

But those times you pretended to be the musician you would never become, was there ever a \$2,000 prize at stake? Now there is.

"I think it brings it up a notch to the point that people are looking at it going, 'Whoa, is that even serious? Did he make a typo? Is it \$200? No, seriously, it's \$2,000. So take it seriously,'" said Marc Philippe.

The former comedian is the owner of Front Row Ot-

tawa promotion group and the organizer of the event.

So don't think you can get away with bringing a song, throwing it on the playlist and standing there mouthing the words.

Costumes and backup bands of air guitarists and drummers are expected, if not the bare minimum.

"It's going to have to be pro. It's going to have to be good," said Philippe.

Philippe said there has been a ton of great feedback — but surprisingly, no registrations.

You have till March 20 to sign up for the Lip Sync Battle. With a mere \$10 registration fee, Philippe is hoping to attract 100 registrants.

The actual show will be April 12, 19, 26 and May 3.

Philippe is aiming to start in the city and then organize regional Lip Sync Battles.

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

Tories. New obstacle emerges in veterans plan

Another wrinkle has developed in the Harper government's push to give veterans preferred status for federal jobs: for many reservists, not all of their military pension counts towards their eventual civil service retirement.

Beth Lepage, a former air force captain, says a portion of her Canadian Forces pension — accumulated as a part-time member — can't be converted because of a difference in the way government and military retirement benefits are calculated.

Lepage says it will be a significant barrier to ex-soldiers applying for federal jobs, a transition the Conservative government says it's eager to facilitate.

In order to fix the problem, the federal Treasury Board would have to rewrite the regulations governing how pension funds are converted — something it has



Former Air Force Major Beth Lepage
ADRIAN WYLDE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

so far refused to do.

There are some 30 cases in the system similar to that of Lepage, who says it will become a bigger problem as more ex-soldiers with mixed-service time look to take advantage of the fast-track offer of federal jobs.

"Many, many reservists served in Afghanistan and should they apply to come over to the civil service, they could be in the same boat I am," she said.

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Still hip and so far no hips broken

Music. Barstool Prophets ready for 20th anniversary show



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When Graham Greer takes the stage for his band's 20th-anniversary reunion party next week, he hopes nobody says "break a hip" instead of the traditional "break a leg."

But Greer will get a chuckle out of it, as it's no secret he and his Barstool Prophets bandmates are aging — even if they are doing it the cool way.

"We can't believe it has gone by so fast," says lead singer Greer. "It came up in conversation and I said, 'Crank came out in 1995' and everybody said, 'What?'"

The successful Ottawa band that has toured across North America, opening for the likes of 54-40, I Mother Earth, The Headstones and Junkhouse is bringing its '90s-era rock back to Ottawa for a show at the



Ottawa band Barstool Prophets, seen here in this 1997 promo shot, play the Shenkman Arts Centre Feb. 28 for their 20th-anniversary reunion show.
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Shenkman Arts Centre in Ottawa Feb. 28.

"A lot of the places we used to play at aren't around anymore," added Greer, referring

to places like the Civic Centre and the Capital Music Hall on Rideau Street, which closed in 2006.

"I couldn't get over how

nice the Shenkman Arts Centre was. We didn't want to do a bar show for our 20th anniversary, but instead have a classy conversation with our devoted

fans in Ottawa."

After a successful run in the late '80s and '90s, which included three successful albums, extensive U.S. radio play

and their song Paranoia being featured on the soundtrack to Hollywood film Never Talk to Strangers, the band signed a major record deal with Mercury Records in 1995.

The band recorded their final album, Last of the Big Game Hunters, before disbanding in 1999 amidst a flurry of record and publishing company takeovers.

While it has been a while since the guys have rocked out for a show, Greer says it didn't take long for them to all find their chops again.

"It's not like riding a bike, it's like falling off a bike, that's how easy it was," chuckled Greer.

The singer-songwriter has been going through newspaper clippings of the band's heyday — boxes full that his parents have saved over the years. He says the 20th-anniversary show will be lighthearted and fun, and audiences should expect a few comical surprises.

"It's going to be fun for us, but it's going to be hilarious for the audience."

Tickets for the show are between \$5 and \$43.

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Beloved beluga dies at SeaWorld

In this 2013 handout photo, Nanuq, a 2,200-pound beluga whale, gets acquainted with actress Isla Fisher at SeaWorld in San Diego. SeaWorld officials said Nanuq died Thursday at the estimated age of 31 or 32. The Vancouver Aquarium had lent the beluga whale to Orlando SeaWorld for breeding purposes. While the cause of death is not yet known, he had been undergoing treatment for an infection caused by a broken jaw that occurred in an encounter with other animals. Nanuq's death is renewing the debate over whether cetaceans should be bred in captivity.

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Manitoba. Online gambling site taking on novelty bets

Manitoba gamblers can now get odds on some very odd things through the province's online gambling website.

In November Playnow.com quietly began taking bets on things as strange as when the existence of extra terrestrial life will be proven — they're giving 90-to-1 odds it happens this year — to what colour hair Prince William and Kate's second child will be born with.

"They're known as novelty or entertainment bets," explained Chris Fairclough of Playnow.com, adding pop culture events like this weekend's Academy Awards are proving popular with betters. "It's all based around spectacles like Super Bowl or the Oscars — something that has a lot of weight and a lot of marketing dollars behind them — but we

offer betting on a variety of cultural and hot topics that are going on in the news as well, whether that's the presidential election coming up or that's the sex of Will and Kate's baby."

Fairclough said Manitoba residents over 18 who have signed up for an online account can put as little as 10 cents down on a novelty bet or as much as \$10,000 in some cases. The site uses odds that are set by Irish bookmaking giant, Paddy Power.

As for concerns about adding pop culture events and oddities to the list of things people with gambling addictions can bet on, Fairclough said as a joint venture between the governments of Manitoba and British Columbia, Playnow.com has safeguards in place.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

Lake Erie

Coast Guard frees U.S. freighter

Two Canadian Coast Guard icebreakers have freed a freighter stuck in the ice for days on southern Lake Erie.

A spokeswoman for the Coast Guard says the S.S. Arthur M. Anderson had been trapped in the ice near Conneaut Harbor, Ohio, about 75 kilometres northeast of Cleveland, since Tuesday.

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Contract negotiations

CN Railway resumes talks with union

Canadian National Railway and Unifor have resumed contract talks a day before the railway has threatened to lock out nearly 5,000 employees.

A CN statement says the company hopes to reach a negotiated settlement or to persuade the union to agree to binding arbitration. THE CANADIAN PRESS

West Edmonton Mall 'is very safe': Police

Al-Shabab. In a video, a Somali extremist group suggests an attack against Alberta facility

 RYAN TUMILTY
Metro in Edmonton

In the wake of a terrorist threat lobbed from halfway across the world, Edmonton Police emphasized Sunday the community is safe.

The threat comes from al-Shabab, a Somali terrorist group, which claimed responsibility for an attack against a Kenyan Mall in 2013 that left

67 people dead.

The brief reference to the West Edmonton Mall is near the end of a 76-minute, documentary-style video about the mall attack.

"What if such an attack were to occur in the Mall of America in Minnesota? Or the West Edmonton Mall in Canada? Or in London's Oxford Street?" a masked man asked in the video.

Edmonton Police are taking the threat seriously, said deputy Chief Brian Simpson, but noted it was not a specific threat.

"I feel West Edmonton Mall is very safe," he said. "I also feel this community is very safe."

Simpson said police were



West Edmonton Mall is seen in this photo. LEAH HOOLIDAY/METRO IN EDMONTON

working with mall security and people in the Somali and Muslim communities.

He said the best way of dealing with these type of threats is to "involve (the) community."

Police have said before that they are actively investigating several people in Alberta, because they fear these people

are being radicalized.

R CMP assistant commissioner Marlin Degrand said after a threat like this, the RCMP would be more vigilant.

"We will be looking for any changes in behaviour, any of those signs or indicators that there might be some kind of a concern," he said.

Business as usual for shoppers, staff

 LEAH HOOLIDAY
Metro in Edmonton

Despite the release of a video that urged extremist groups to attack shopping malls in Canada, the U.S., and Britain, shoppers and staff at West Edmonton Mall continued with business as usual Sunday.

In a statement released by the mall, spokeswoman Vicki Olson of Camrose

Sheri Clegg said management is aware of the video and has taken extra security measures to ensure guest and staff safety.

"We will continue to monitor events with the help of federal and local law enforcement agencies," the statement said. "As always, we take any potential threat seriously and respond appropriately."

Vicki Olson of Camrose

assuring.

"I feel like they have a handle on it," she said. "I feel like it's much better when they alert the public."

Karen Maguddatu, who's worked at a mall kiosk for a year, said she hasn't heard from mall authorities about increased security protocol.

"It's a bit (concerning)," she said, adding she'll still be coming into work.

Politics. Liberals push for new law on assisted suicide

Division among Tories

The government's response has sparked speculation that the ruling Conservatives would rather not open debate on the issue, which could expose divisions among their ranks, before the election.

Justin Trudeau's Liberals want the outlines of a new law governing doctor-assisted dying to be clear by mid-summer — before Canadians head to the polls in October.

They'll try to get the ball rolling Tuesday, introducing a motion that calls for creation of a special parliamentary committee to consult experts and Canadians on the potentially explosive issue.

They want the committee up and running by March 11 and they want it to report back to the House of Commons by July 31 with a proposed legislative framework.

The Liberal motion, to be put to a vote Tuesday or Wednesday, follows a landmark ruling earlier this month by the Supreme Court of Canada, which struck down the ban on physician-assisted suicide.

The top court gave Parliament 12 months to draft new

legislation that recognizes the right of clearly consenting adults who are enduring intolerable physical or mental suffering to seek medical help to end their lives.

The Harper government appears to be in no rush; Justice Minister Peter MacKay has said the government will take its time to thoroughly study the details of the court ruling and look at how other jurisdictions, including Quebec, have dealt with the issue. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ISIL

Turkish military enters Syria to remove troops

Hundreds of Turkish troops backed by tanks took part in an overnight operation into neighbouring Syria to remove dozens of besieged soldiers guarding an Ottoman tomb and take away

remains amid fears the shrine was threatened by ISIL militants.

The mission late Saturday, saving Turkish soldiers reportedly stuck for months at the tomb of the grandfather of the founder of the Ottoman Empire, was the first such major military incursion by Turkey since the Syrian conflict began in March 2011. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Egypt

Prosecutor refers 215 alleged extremists to trial

Egypt's top prosecutor has referred 215 alleged Islamic extremists to trial in a criminal court on charges of forming armed groups responsible for killing half a dozen security personnel and damaging pub-

lic property.

The prosecutor said Sunday in a statement that only 125 defendants are detained. No date has been set for the trial. Egypt's courts are swamped with the trials of hundreds of alleged extremists and supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi on charges that include violence against state officials, treason and illegal protests. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Washington

Iran responds to threats U.S. may quit nuclear talks

A senior Iranian official is responding sharply to warnings that Washington is ready to quit nuclear talks unless Tehran agrees to a deal that demonstrates it does not want atomic arms. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ali Akbar Velayati says staying or leaving "depends on the Americans."

Velayati was responding to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, shortly before Kerry's arrival Sunday to Geneva. Kerry said President Barack Obama was "fully prepared" to pull the U.S. out before accepting a deal leaving Tehran with potent nuclear arms-making ability. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Dozens dead after river ferry sinks

Bangladesh. It was struck by the cargo vessel at a crossing on the Padma

By Sunday evening, at least 48 bodies had been recovered, Mia said.

He said officials had yet to determine how many passengers were missing. Ferries in Bangladesh usually do not maintain formal passenger lists.

"We don't have a clear picture about how many were exactly in the ferry when it sank," Mia said. "But I think many have survived."

Jewel Mia, an official from the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority, told reporters at the scene that up to 140 people were on board when the ferry sank.

A passenger who survived said many people got trapped inside. "The passengers who were on the deck have survived, but many who were inside got trapped," Hafizur Rahman Sheikh was quoted as saying by the Prothom Alo newspaper.

Authorities ordered an investigation into the accident and a five-member committee has been asked to submit a report within 15 days, the Ministry of Shipping said in a statement.

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A river ferry carrying up to 140 passengers capsized in central Bangladesh on Sunday after being hit by a cargo vessel, killing at least 48 people, officials said. A rescue operation was underway, but it was not clear how many people were missing.

The ferry was struck by the cargo vessel at the Daulatdia-Patura crossing on the Padma River on Sunday afternoon, said fire department official Shahzadi Begum. Rescue teams were deployed and passing boats were helping in the operation, she said.

The site is 40 kilometres northwest of Dhaka, the capital. Ferry accidents are common in Bangladesh, an impoverished South Asian nation that is crisscrossed by more than 130 rivers.

The ferry, the M.L. Mosta, was submerged at a depth of up to six metres, said Inspector Zihad Mia, who is overseeing the rescue operation.

Lebanese families picnic after heavy winter snowstorm

Lebanese Druze families picnic in the snow a day after a strong snowstorm, near the village of Hamana, Mount Lebanon, Sunday. A heavy winter storm descended on parts of the Middle East on Friday with snow falling in Israel, parts of the West Bank, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. **HUSSEIN MALLA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

U.S. Senate still in stalemate as budget deadline looms

The possible shutdown of the Department of Homeland Security threatens the Obama administration's efforts to counter the extremist appeal of ISIL within the U.S. and to respond with emergency aid to communities struggling with winter snowstorms, Homeland Se-

curity Secretary Jeh Johnson warned on Sunday.

Funding for the department's \$40-billion budget ends on Friday, and no solution is in sight for Congress to take action by then. The fight is over President Barack Obama's immigration plan. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ukraine. Blast kills, injures at march despite hopeful signs

A bomb blast killed two at a march in east Ukraine on Sunday on the first anniversary of the ouster of the country's Russia-friendly president, a gruesome counterpart to the hopes spawned by a ceasefire agreement more than a week ago.

An exchange of prisoners

this weekend and acknowledgment by both sides of a commitment to pull back heavy weapons are promising signs that peace may yet prevail, although sporadic exchanges of hostilities between government and separatist forces have yet to subside entirely. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Protesters block bridge after police shooting of Mexican



Protesters demonstrating against a police shooting that left a Mexican immigrant dead rallied in a Washington state city, staging a march that shut down traffic on a bridge over the Columbia River.

The Tri-City Herald reports that more than 50 people were in the group of protesters Saturday evening. Demonstrators blocked traffic along the cable bridge as they slowly marched from Pasco toward Kennewick.

Many motorists yelled and honked in support.

The protesters then turned and marched back toward Pasco, blocking traffic heading north as the sun set on the Columbia River. They shouted, "We will not be silenced" and "We are all Antonio," referring to Antonio Zambrano-Montes, who was killed by police.

"This is about the right not to be shot by police because you have a rock in your hand," said

Alfredo Lamedo, 53, of Spokane, as he marched. "How many bullets were in that rock?"

The Herald said that there were no arrests reported and police had little contact with protesters, according to authorities. Pasco police officials decided not to have patrol officers intervene when protesters marched across the bridge.

The Feb. 10 killing of Zambrano-Montes, captured on cellphone video by an onlooker,

has sparked calls for a federal investigation. Police have said Zambrano-Montes did not have a gun or a knife.

The killing was the fourth by law enforcement in Pasco in less than a year. It has roiled this fast-growing agricultural city of 68,000, where more than half the residents are Hispanic but few are members of the police or the power structure.

THE TRI-CITY HERALD/ANDREW JANSEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hawaii. Crew frees 45-ton humpback whale

Officials say a 45-ton humpback whale entangled with fishing line in Hawaii waters for more than a week is finally free.

The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary said Saturday that its craft got within three metres of the mammal a day earlier and the crew used a pole equipped with a knife to saw the line free.

Ed Lyman of the sanctuary says several hundred feet of line was cut away.

Georgia

Man buried after earlier funeral for incorrect body

A Georgia man whose body was left in a state crime lab after a mix-up has finally been buried in Augusta.

A coroner says the mistake at the state crime lab in Decatur, outside of Atlanta, led the family of Johnny Morgan Lowe III to bury the wrong man during a closed-casket funeral in December.

The body of Louie Caldwell of Clayton County was mistakenly returned and buried by relatives who thought they were laying Lowe to rest.

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West Hawaii Today reports that when the 45-foot-long whale swam free, all line but a small piece lodged in a wound removed. Lyman says that the fragment will fall away as the wound heals.

The entangled whale was first spotted Feb. 13 off the Big Island's Kona Coast.

Experts say such entanglements could result in drowning, starvation, infections and increased susceptibility to ship strikes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

International contest

Ohio city wins top tap water prize

Hamilton, Ohio, has won the top tap water prize at an international tasting contest.

Hamilton received the gold medal for Best Municipal Water on Saturday at the 25th anniversary Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting in West Virginia.

Organizers say Indigo H2O of Elkhart, Ind., won the top prize for best purified water. Two entrants from Athens, Greece, also won gold. Fengari Platinum got the top prize for bottled water and Daphne-Ultra Premium Natural Mineral Sparkling won gold for sparkling water.

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Wings of a feather fight together

A gander spreads his wings in celebration after winning in a fight in Mokrin, 120 kilometres north of Belgrade, Serbia, Sunday. The so-called World Gander Fighting Championship, an annual event that draws gander owners and their pets from miles around, is held every February in Mokrin. Gander fights, which are considered part of folk heritage in northern Serbia, are not extremely violent — the animals do not get seriously injured, apart from losing a few feathers. MARKO DROBNJAKOVIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former comrades say Routh a changed man

Quoted
"... it can lead to immorality and even homosexuality."

A Saudi official, commenting on the men's style.

and candles to celebrate one of the men's birthdays.

No details were released about how many men were arrested or their ages. The official did, however, say that the young men's hairstyles and dress were not traditional, and urged parents to monitor this kind of behaviour "because it can lead to immorality and even homosexuality."

A hashtag on Twitter quickly went viral about the arrest, with many Saudis ridiculing the raid and pointing out that the men were not caught drinking alcohol or partying with women — both crimes in Saudi Arabia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Trial. 'American Sniper' defendant once admired people like Chris Kyle, say those who know him

For those who served with Eddie Ray Routh in the Iraqi desert, the man on trial for gunning down the famed "American Sniper" Chris Kyle and a friend is not the Marine they had come to know.

"The Routh I knew looked up to people who did that kind of job," said former Cpl. Ryker Pawloski. "He respected war fighters like you wouldn't believe."

"It just doesn't fathom," agreed Corey Smalley, who

shared a trailer with Routh at Camp Fallujah in Iraq. "He wasn't the picture-perfect Marine, even though that's what he wanted to be. And the people he looked up to the most were people like Chris Kyle."

The 27-year-old stands charged with capital murder in the Feb. 2, 2013, slayings of the former Navy SEAL and his friend, Chad Littlefield. Kyle, who by his own count made more than 300 kills, volunteered to help veterans facing mental health problems. Kyle and Littlefield took Routh to a shooting range after his mother asked Kyle to help her son cope with post-traumatic stress disorder and other personal demons.

Quoted

"It just doesn't fathom."

Corey Smalley, former roommate of Eddie Ray Routh.

Routh's attorney, Tim Moore, read a text message during the trial in which Kyle described Routh as "straight-up nuts." Family members have testified that Routh came back from his service a changed man. He was hospitalized multiple times for mental health issues and had trouble keeping a job.

"I noticed that he kind of lost his desire for life," his uncle, James Watson, testified.

Moore said that when Routh killed Kyle and Littlefield, "he was in the grip of a psychosis" so severe he didn't know it was wrong and thought "it was either him or them."

Erath County District Attorney Alan Nash described Routh as "a troubled young man," but said mental illnesses "don't deprive people from being good citizens, to know right from wrong."

After the killings, Routh's parents described a young man haunted by what he'd seen in Iraq and earthquake-ravaged Haiti, and who sought relief by drinking heavily. Many combat veterans say Routh exaggerated his experiences, and scoff at the notion that he saw anything that would cause PTSD. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Texas prisoners transferred after unrest

Officers regained control of a South Texas prison where inmates had set fires and caused significant damage after taking over part of the facility, according to the private contractor operating the prison.

About 300 of the 2,800 inmates were moved Sunday

from Willacy County Correctional Center to other federal facilities, said Issa Arnita, a spokesman for Management & Training Corp., the company that runs the prison. A few hundred more will be transferred before the day is out and the rest will be moved over the next few days.

The inmates are primarily "low-level" offenders who are immigrants in the country illegally, according to the prison operator. They took control of part of the prison on Friday, complaining about conditions at the facility and its medical services and refusing to complete their work assignments, officials said.

The Valley Morning Star reported that fires were set in three of the prison's 10 housing units, and Arnita said in a statement that extensive damage was done to plumbing and heating and cooling systems.

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Saudi Arabia. Police detain men for dancing

Saudi Arabia's morality police detained a group of young men for dancing at a birthday party and referred them to prosecutors, according to a state-linked media report.

The news website Ayn al-Yous reported Saturday that the Commission for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice raided a private property in the city of Buraydah, arresting the men inside for "loud music and inappropriate dancing."

Buraydah is the provincial capital of Saudi Arabia's Qassim province, which is home to some of the kingdom's most conservative clerics, who practise a strict interpretation of Islam known as Wahhabism.

An unnamed official told the website that when members of the morality police raided the private property, they found the young men in "a comprising situation in their dance and shameful movements." The official said there was also a cake

Ottawa. GM stock may help feds balance budget

The Harper government's push to deliver a balanced budget despite low oil prices has attracted fresh attention to a potential stockpile of federal cash: a multi-billion-dollar taxpayer stake in the auto business.

The government's remaining 73.4 million shares in General Motors are now worth more than \$3.4 billion in total, thanks to the combined effect of a solid stock price and a weakened Canadian dollar.

In fact, once the Canadian exchange rate is factored in on the U.S.-priced stock, its per-share value is higher than it has been in more than five years.

Earlier this month, Ottawa became the only North American government still holding stock acquired as part of the 2009 effort to bail out the then-sputtering automaker.

Ottawa's GM shares surfaced last month as one of several possible money-generating options that could help the Conservative government live up to its promise of balancing the 2015-16 budget.

Fulfilling the pledge will be central to Tory re-election fortunes. The government insists it will achieve a balanced budget even as lower crude prices indirectly carve billions of dollars

Government shares

Ottawa initially booked the stock's value at \$1.1 billion. Its gain or loss is determined by the stock's total proceeds minus its book value.

- Book value. Market value of remaining stock is \$3.4 billion, which would leave Ottawa with a net gain of \$2.3 billion. This would also leave the government only \$600 million short of breaking even on its initial investment.

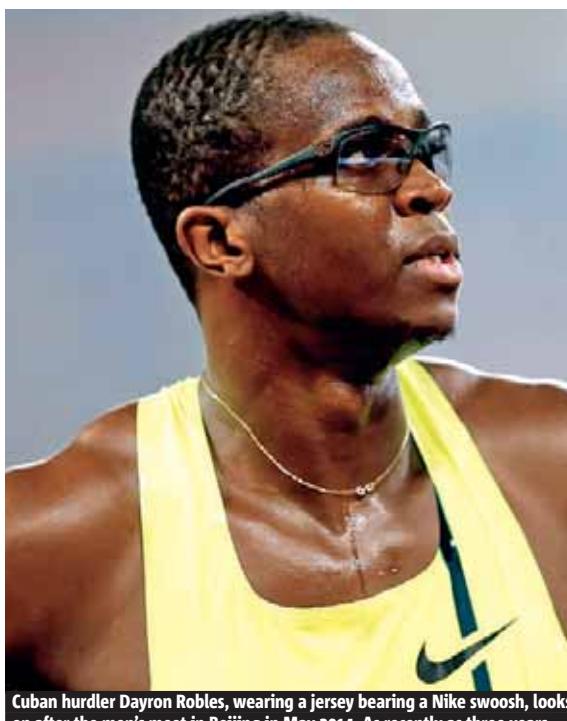
from federal revenues.

Selling the GM stock and booking the proceeds in the 2015-16 budget could help Ottawa offset the financial blow from the oil slump. Ottawa has reiterated its intention to eventually unload its shares.

Unifor, the union that represents 7,000 GM workers in Ontario, has urged Ottawa to hold on to its shares.

"The worst reason to sell GM shares is to help the government cover its little optics problem with a possible deficit," Unifor economist Jim Stanford said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Renewed U.S. relations opens up Cuban athletics, economy



Cuban hurdler Dayron Robles, wearing a jersey bearing a Nike swoosh, looks on after the men's meet in Beijing in May 2014. As recently as three years ago, Cuban track and field athletes were allowed to wear only Adidas, regardless of their personal brand preference. **LINTAO ZHANG/GETTY IMAGES**

National sports.

Revised rules allow Cuban athletes to sign personal endorsements

Before U.S. President Barack Obama announced plans in December to normalize state-to-state relations with Cuba, there were no warning signs.

But if you were looking closely, you might have seen a foreshadowing of the deal flash past on the track. Since last season, some standout Cuban athletes have competed in gear supplied by U.S. companies.

If legendary Cuban hurdler Dayron Robles competes at the Pan Am games in Toronto this summer, he'll do so in Nike shoes. Cuban track and field athletes wore Adidas regardless of their personal brand preference, and a long list of rules kept American companies from doing business with Cuba's state-run sports system.

But two years ago, the country's track and field federation quietly relaxed regulations, allowing athletes greater autonomy regarding apparel deals.

"Eighteen months before the announcement, Nike had already infiltrated Cuba," says Kris Mychasiw, a Montreal-based agent who advised several Cuban athletes.

Brand mismatches between athletes and their national federations aren't rare. Athletics Canada, for example, is sponsored by Nike but can't stop athletes from seeking deals with other outfitters, a luxury Cuban athletes had not shared since 1961.

Robles complained about the federation's lack of resources and left the team in early 2013, only to resurface later that year on Monaco's track circuit — wearing Nike gear. He has since returned to a Cuban team transformed, one that has relaxed its individual endorsement deal restrictions.

The move to allow athletes the freedom to seek sponsorships comes amid broader reforms to stimulate the economy through private ownership of homes and businesses, the hope being to create jobs to balance national unemployment. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Federal government should directly invest in startups: Report



Ben Fox, right, CEO and co-founder of the startup Sidekick, and Bart Dabek, the company's co-founder and CTO at their office last week.

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A new report by the Broadbent Institute and Atkinson Foundation argues, against conventional business wisdom, that it is often the state — not the private sector — that is best placed to pinpoint the business world's trailblazers.

By moving away from its current reliance on indirect measures like tax credits, the report says, the Canadian government could do much more to spur innovation success and ensure that its rewards are

shared more fairly.

And, experts argue, Canada needs to do something big and bold, or risk being left behind in the innovation race. A 2011 report to the federal government said it needed to do much better at helping small businesses grow into global competitors.

"Governments are the only body in our society that can make the big bets on unproven research and unproven technologies," says David Wolfe, a political science professor at

the University of Toronto Mississauga.

Yet, although Canada has one of the highest levels of indirect innovation support through tax credits amongst wealthy countries, its direct research and development spending compares poorly to Germany and the U.S. Those governments spend 2.8 and 2.9 per cent of their GDP on R&D respectively, while Canada spends less than 1.7 per cent.

Ben Fox, who launched his

web tutorial startup Sidekick from Ryerson's Digital Media Zone, has benefited from both direct and indirect government support. He agrees that both can be important tools — tax credits helped alleviate end-of-year financial stress for the fledgling company — but says direct funding was absolutely essential, affording the company the necessary upfront cash to solve early technological problems.

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VOICES

THINKING OUTSIDE THE FARE BOX

While some say we shouldn't further subsidize 'artificially low' bus fares, it's actually transit riders who have to pay for their services twice and are in need of a break



COLLINS'
CAPITAL
Steve Collins

Nobody gets a free ride on OC Transpo, but maybe riders should get a break.

Setting OC Transpo's budget is an exercise in keeping one eye on the big picture and one on the small, calculating how many extra nickels and dimes must be extracted from individual riders — and which ones — to keep the \$478-million operation running.

Last week, transit commissioners approved a 2.5 per cent fare hike overall, but the pain is spread unevenly through more than two dozen classes of passenger.

Nobody's getting dinged like community pass users did last year, when they soaked up a massive 16.4 per cent hit, from \$35 a month to \$40.75. The old increases don't go away, of

course, and this year's 2.5-per-cent bite means these passengers, primarily Ontario Disability Support Program recipients, will cough up 19.3 per cent more than they did in 2013.

Kitchissippi Coun. Jeff Leiper pushed back on fare hikes, introducing two motions, one to hold the line on prices across the board, and another to freeze only cash fares, which are slotted to rise by 2.9 per cent, and, Leiper argued, put the bite on some of the system's poorest users.

The cash fare is more expensive than other options by design, to encourage casual users to shell out for a Presto card, a pass, or a few sheets of tickets. But this assumes that paying cash is a matter of choice and not necessity. If you don't have the extra money on hand for other options, you end up paying more per ride. In this way, Transpo's fare game makes losers of those for whom scraping up that extra dime is hardest.

Freezing cash fares, according to OC Transpo

figures, would mean bigger increases for other riders. Freezing fares in general, OC Transpo GM John Manconi told commissioners, presents a starker choice: Cut service or raise property taxes to make up for the lost revenue. And this is where fares run into the two-per-cent cap on increases to property tax upon which Mayor Jim Watson campaigned, and which some members of council see as inviolable.

"I don't think there's broad support around the council table to increase taxes to further subsidize artificially low bus fares," said commission chair Stephen Blais. Maybe Blais should think back to the traffic jams drivers had to contend with during the last transit strike. Drivers also benefit from transit use and support might be wider than he thinks.

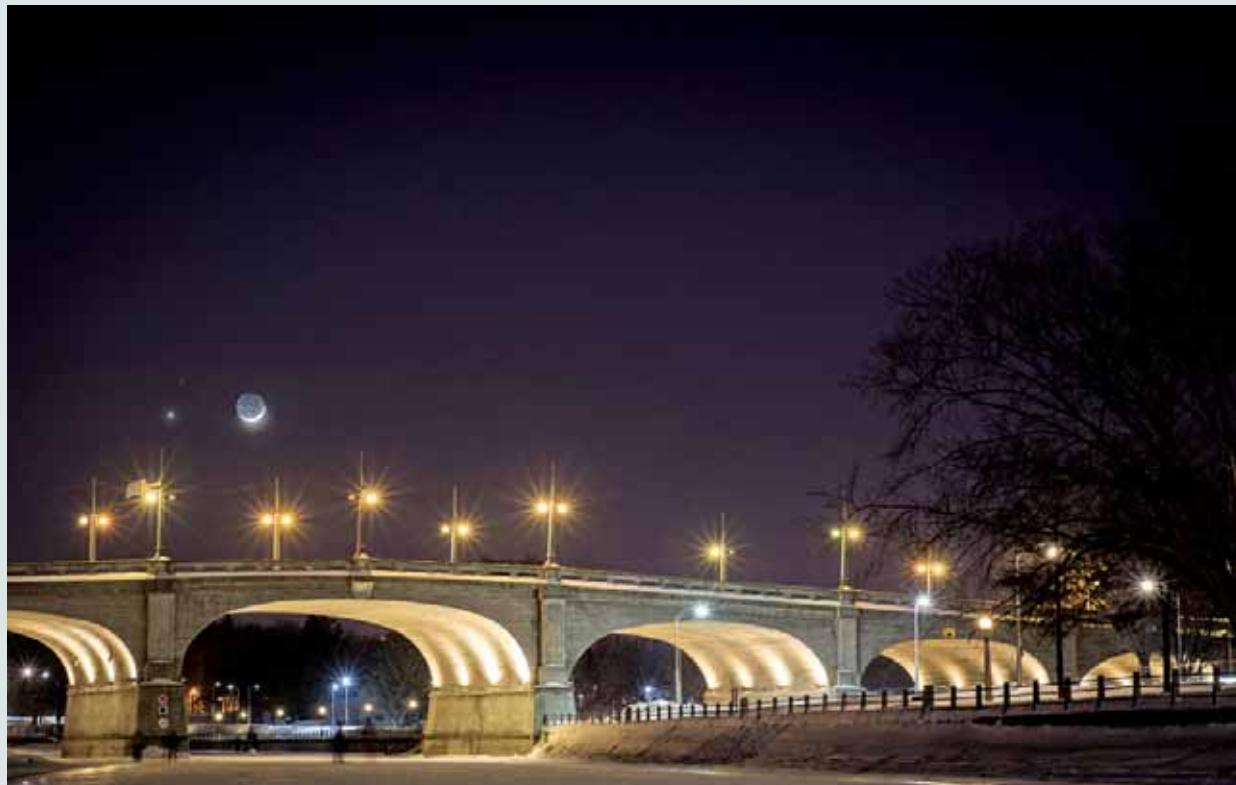
But some see artificial subsidies elsewhere. Ecology Ottawa's Trevor Hache, who urged commissioners to freeze fares, pointed out a double

standard that's so ingrained it's practically invisible.

"Why are user fees accepted without question for OC Transpo public transit riders," he asked, "but not even researched or studied in any real meaningful way related to the use of roads by privately owned cars and trucks?"

Fares currently pay for about 53 per cent of the operations of OC Transpo, and the city is pushing to make that 55. Roads, meanwhile, are funded entirely from taxes (including those of non-drivers), an all-you-can-pollute-and-congest buffet for motorists. Transit riders pay twice, on the tax bill and at the fare box, while easing congestion and improving air quality by keeping their own vehicles off the road. They also pay in the extra time — both travelling and shivering at bus stops — it takes them to get where they're going. For these contributions and sacrifices, the city hands them an ever-rising bill.

Your Ottawa



Moon and Planets over Rideau Canal

Photo submitted by Metro reader James Peltzer

Venus, the brightest planet in the night sky, floats with a fainter Mars and a crescent moon above the Bank Street Bridge Friday night, in this photo snapped from the Rideau Canal by James Peltzer (@jpeltzer). **CONTRIBUTED**

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Upcoming

Orchestra preview

Tuesday, the National Arts Centre Orchestra's Alexander Shelley will unveil details of the 2015-16 season of Canada's National Arts Centre Orchestra, his first as music director designate. The season preview starts at 11:15 a.m. at the NAC. **METRO**

More details about the Windmill project

Also on Tuesday, Windmill Development Group and Dream Unlimited Corp. executives say they will unveil to media the new name for the community they plan to develop on the former Domtar lands along the Ottawa River, and discuss specifics as to how they will develop the property. **METRO**

Women and politics

A panel of politicians and political experts will discuss women in politics and the barriers that keep women from participating. Panellists are: Susan Truppe, Conservative parliamentary secretary for the Status of Women; Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada; Niki Ashton, 2012-2014 NDP critic for the Status of Women; and Catherine McKenna, 2015 Liberal candidate for Ottawa Centre. The talk, Carleton University's Equal Voice Chapter's presentation She Will Run: Women on the Campaign Trail, happens Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 2220-2228 River Building, in the second floor conference rooms. **METRO**

Oscars not really awesome

Academy Awards.

Host Neil Patrick Harris trades quips for singing and the show never really recovers

MATT PRIGGE

Metro in New York City

How much of a mess are the Academy Awards? Not even Neil Patrick Harris — the obvious go-to guy who kills at the Tonys and Emmys — could conquer them.

NPH was to be the second safe choice in a row, after last year's Ellen DeGeneres show. Sometimes the Oscars think outside the box and pay the price: Seth MacFarlane singing about boobs in 2013; the dynamic duo of a dazed, noncommittal James Franco and an energy-pill-high Anne Hathaway in 2011.

It all started well. Harris ascended from the floor onto the stage of Los Angeles' Dolby Theatre for his first Oscars gig and immediately addressed the biggest elephant in the room. "Tonight we celebrate the best and whitest — sorry, best and brightest," he quipped, winking referring to the heavy snubbing that befell Selma.

But this was a false start. Savage quips were immediately — as in the next sentence — replaced by singing. Harris launched into one of those songs that Billy Crystal used to do, except only about a third of it was dedicated to jokes. Singing about "moving pictures" — it's 1895 all over again! — he offered a sloppy valentine to the medium he's shilling for at this awards show, at least. Harris inserted himself into movies, most of them old — say, blocking Sharon Stone's business from Basic Instinct — but also the night's only feted musical, Into the Woods.

Speaking of which, he was soon joined by Anna Kendrick, as well as Jack Black, who channelled his inner Tenacious D to offer the position that maybe movies are crap and this whole thing is a corrupt love-in. The Oscars do this every now and then: addressing that maybe the ceremony — and maybe even movies themselves — are irrelevant. And as usual, the event had



Akiva Schaffer, Andy Samberg, and Jorma Taccone of The Lonely Island perform *Everything Is Awesome* from *The Lego Movie* during the Oscars last night.

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List of winners

Here's the list of winners at Sunday's 87th annual Academy Awards. For the full list, visit metronews.ca.

- Supporting actor: J.K. Simmons, *Whiplash*.
- Supporting actress: Patricia Arquette, *Boyhood*.
- Costume design: The Grand Budapest Hotel.
- Makeup and hair-styling: The Grand Budapest Hotel.
- Foreign language film: *Ida*.
- Documentary (short subject): *Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1*.
- Sound mixing: *Whiplash*.
- Sound editing: *American Sniper*.
- Live action short film: *The Phone Call*.

no real answers: just a flashy song-and-dance number performed by one of entertainment's brightest lights.

Harris couldn't really make the Oscars his own, though his best moment was almost certainly a genuinely improvised bit of silliness when he did a song and dance following J.K. Simmons' earnest plea for everyone to call their parents — call, not text — while accepting his Best Supporting Actor prize

for *Whiplash*.

But to the question all of you most wanted to know: Did the Costume Design trophy go to The Grand Budapest Hotel? (OK, some of us were worried it wouldn't.) It did, deservedly, as did the makeup and hairstyling award, for a film that successfully turned the ageless Tilda Swinton into a 90-something prune. In fact, it's odd that OCD director Wes Anderson has not swept the technical awards before.

Mothers and other strangers

Some of the night's odd moments

One of the bigger moments of the night came long before the ceremony even started. On the red carpet, Dakota Johnson got peeved with her date, her mom Melanie Griffith, who said she had still not seen *Fifty Shades of Grey* because you know why. Apparently Griffith is the only one who hasn't heard about its limp sex scenes.

Host Neil Patrick Harris had some noticeably questionable fumbles. He made jokes about Oprah's size and Octavia Spencer's snacking. He also brutally fumbled through the name Chiwetel Ejiofor. But there was pretty funny Clint Eastwood joke that compared him to Kanye.

Ida director Paweł Pawlikowski became one of the few winners to ever conquer the nosy, impatient

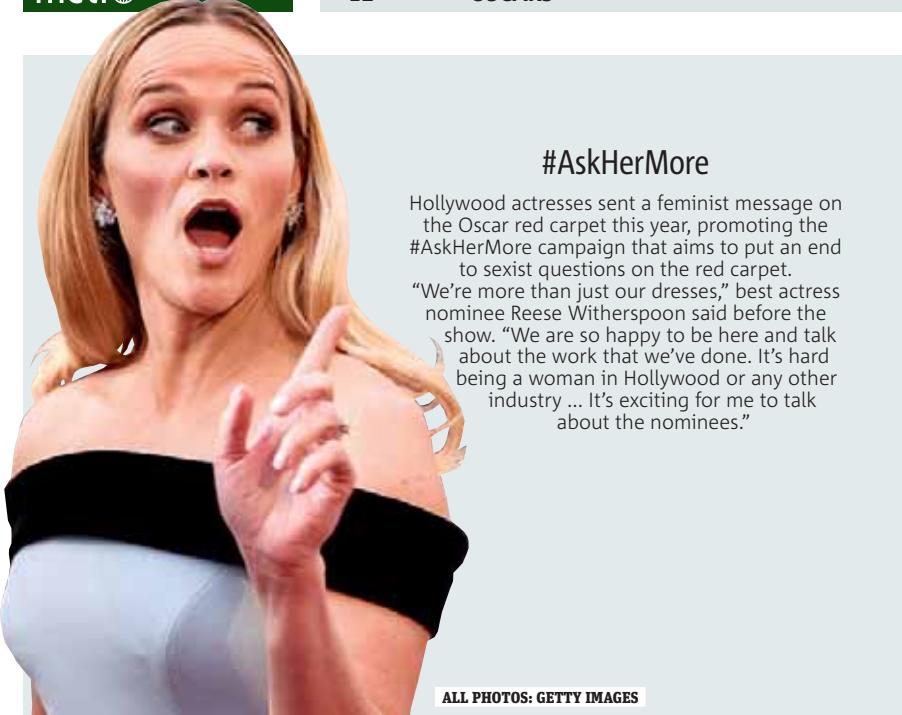
orchestra, who were all set to drown him out far quicker than they would, say, a J.K. Simmons. He persisted and they actually shut up, only coming back when he would let them. Good on ya.



Dakota Johnson with mom
Melanie Griffith

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SCENE



#AskHerMore

Hollywood actresses sent a feminist message on the Oscar red carpet this year, promoting the #AskHerMore campaign that aims to put an end to sexist questions on the red carpet. "We're more than just our dresses," best actress nominee Reese Witherspoon said before the show. "We are so happy to be here and talk about the work that we've done. It's hard being a woman in Hollywood or any other industry ... It's exciting for me to talk about the nominees."

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Hollywood goes classic

High collars replaced sexy cutouts, and Classic Hollywood in blacks and whites took hold of the Oscars red carpet Sunday night with help from Witherspoon, who was in a black and white off-the-shoulder Tom Ford gown, and a heavily pearly look for fashion It girl Lupita Nyong'o.

Jewelry a force for good



Best supporting actress nominee Laura Dern prepares for the Oscars wearing a Bulgari turquoise ring in support of the American Lung Association's Lung Force, an initiative dedicated to raising awareness about lung cancer and how it affects women. Turquoise is the signature colour of Lung Force.



Pearly perfection

Several stars wore high-necked white gowns, including Marion Cotillard and Nyong'o (pictured here) in a heavily embellished custom Calvin Klein.



Men who dare to be different

Trendsetter Will.i.am. took some heat on the fashion blogs for playing it cool in sneakers and striped shirt. Meanwhile, actor David Oyelowo, seen here with Michael Keaton, looked dashing in burgundy. Keaton kept it safe in a black tux.



Twitter

@fuggirls

#askhermore is great, but it's ALSO okay to ask/say who you're wearing. You got it for free. It's a transaction. Tip your server. -H #Oscars

@shondarhimes

Stop asking women questions about what they wear to cover the containers they carry their brains around in. #AskHerMore

'WE'RE MORE THAN JUST OUR DRESSES'

We hear ya, Reese. Though we recognize there is more to these stunning ladies (and gents) than their looks, here are the night's best dressed

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Lady in red

There was a contingent of leading ladies in strapless red, including Rosamund Pike in Givenchy Haute Couture.



Green light

Scarlett Johansson opted for statement jewelry in the form of a green choker, which complemented her perfectly moulded Versace gown.



Carried away

Jennifer Aniston, wearing champagne-coloured Versace, uses her muscles to try to lift Emma Stone, who wore a custom Elie Saab gown.

Make a plan and stick to it

Financial goals.

Becoming debt-free or saving for a down payment for a house requires sacrifice and a well-thought-out strategy

 **GAIL VAZ-OXLADE**
Gail blogs daily at gailvazoxlade.com

Sometimes people say they want one thing but then do something that totally works against them achieving their goal. Home ownership is a great example.

Even if they manage to paint a pretty clear picture of what that home will be like, where it will be, and what it will feel like to live there, they can't come to grips with the fact that owning a home changes everything. It usually means not spending money in restaurants, on new clothes, or on vacations so you can build a down payment. It also means not going out three nights a week to party with friends because now you have a mortgage and a whole bunch of around-the-house things to get done.

Deciding what you really, really want means that you not only visualize what you're trying to achieve, you also do your best to predict and understand the consequences of getting what you want.

Everything in life comes with upsides and downsides. If you're only looking at the upsides when you're making your decisions, you'll be



Home ownership comes with plenty of pros, but also plenty of cons. It's up to you to plan accordingly. iSTOCK

unhappily surprised by the downsides.

Having children has huge upsides. But having children also has enormous responsibilities that can take your breath away. Ditto deciding to go back to school, changing your career, moving to a new country or another part of the country, or becoming debt-free.

People often tell me that they know what they want. Just as often, their behaviours do not match their words.

It's important to understand and accept the consequences of your choice and integrate both the upsides and the downsides into your

plan. Sure, you may not be able to go out three nights a week with friends, but you can hold a game night or have a Dessert for Dinner evening where everyone brings something to the table. And you may be stuck home with baby, but that won't stop you inviting all the other stuck-home-with-baby people over for poker night or to watch the latest DVD release.

Once you decide what you really, really want, putting some tracking into place to measure your progress is much more likely to get you there. Have you ever noticed that when you start something new you're all gung-ho, but as time goes by your

energy and effort wanes? Hey, it's human. Once we lose our initial enthusiasm — when the immediate seems more tempting than the long-term goal — that goal feel almost oppressive. Really? We're going to turn down dinner out with friends again! When will this be over?

When you're working toward a goal, you have to find ways to stay focused on what you've achieved so you keep going. Having knocked a \$2,000 credit card balance back to zero, you may find your motivation to attack your student loan lagging. A vacation seems much more enticing now. Doesn't everyone take forever to pay off



Women who have strong social networks are able to cope better with illness. iSTOCK

Health. Personality is a strong predictor of how we cope with illnesses

When we succumb to illness, men and women employ different coping mechanisms that vary even more depending on our personalities, according to researchers at Washington State University and at the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce. For example, a single-symptom illness bothers women more than men, but women are more stoic than men when they succumb to a multi-symptom illness, according to study author Robert Rosenman of WSU. "And perhaps more importantly, person-

ality affects how women handle becoming sick, while men of all types react the same," says Rosenman, a professor in the Department of Economic sciences. Agreeable women who are likely to have strong social networks and high-quality relationships are able to cope better because they find themselves better supported in times of crisis, say the researchers. For men, however, no correlation could be drawn linking particular personality traits with coping mechanisms for mental illness.

AFP

Feeling famished not only makes you want food, it increases your desire for non-food items, according to recent research at the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management. The research team conducted experiments in which participants were asked to fast for up to four hours before going shopping. When hunger wasn't quelled, participants opted for 70 per cent more products than those who had eaten. AFP

Why so stubborn?

Hugely resistant to measuring your activities on any front? Maybe you're not yet committed to change. Writing it down means making a deal with yourself to do something that has results.

- If you're not writing it down, there's no deal, and you're off the hook. Of course it also means you're going to keep doing what you know isn't working.

their student debt anyway?

You have to come up with ways to keep the blush on your debt-free rose.

Measuring your progress is one way to stay focused and keep yourself motivated. By recording how you're doing, you can look at a picture that reflects your reality, not what you think is your reality. You can appreciate what you have accomplished in moving towards your goal.

I can hear some of you moaning now: "But Gail, all that measuring takes time I don't have." Really? You're trying to achieve a goal you've said is important, but you don't have time to check to see how you're doing? Or is it you're afraid you're going to miss the mark and would rather keep your head buried in your delusion?

Measuring can be as simple as making a chart and colouring in your progress or as creative as making a debt-tree with \$100 leaves and then pulling off a leaf every time you pay down \$100 of your debt.

Spending

Hungry for lunch, hungry for shoes

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Tech

Wearable sex tracker in the works

Techsters at Geeksphone have announced an upcoming fitness tracker that will also quantify your sex life and track your ecological footprint. The sex-tracking feature will require manual activation, according to TechCrunch. After enough nooky while wearing the gadget, users will have a historic of how many times per week, how many calories they burn, and how long they last each time.



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Advice

Must I fête with the whole floor?

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Dear Metro,
I'm having a big birthday party in a couple weeks and I'm planning to invite some of my co-workers. Not the whole office — just a few people I really like. However, I'm worried about offending those colleagues I'd rather not have at my home. Is there a way to keep my gathering exclusive without creating enemies?
— Not on the Guest List

Dear NOTGL,
It's your party and you don't have to include Kevin from marketing if you don't want to. But you also don't have to rub your off-hours friendships in the faces of those you only wish to see at work.

When issuing invites, be discreet. Large meetings — when your whole team is within earshot — are not the best times to tell Jenn about your blowout while the rest listen in feeling left out. Save party planning for emails or one-on-one powwows.

This doesn't mean you should keep your festivities a secret. It's true your rejected colleagues might feel a little jealous of those who made the cut. But they can only get angry if you start acting cagey. Should anyone ask, be polite, but open. Say it's your birthday. And that you're having a party. Then wish them a friendly good night. It's part of your job to make nice during the workweek. Not part of your job: entertaining your whole company on the weekend.

Dear Metro,
I'm currently in line for a really exciting promotion. I badly want the position, but there's a hitch. The other person up for the job is my best friend at work. Someone I love spending time with and genuinely want to succeed. What's worse, things have been really awkward between us since the role came up. I don't want to sacrifice my professional goals, but I need to diffuse this tension. How can I make this okay?
—Friends & Rivals

Dear F&R,
Wanting your friend to succeed and wanting yourself to succeed should not be competing ambitions. Unfortunately, you've found yourself in a peculiar situation where your pal's success directly translates into your own disappointment. In short: This sucks. Have you discussed your conflict at all? It might help to acknowledge — out loud — the no-way-around-it difficulty of your present conflict of interest. Rather than letting the tension creep up, you could engage an upfront conversation in which you both get the opportunity to air how you feel. You shouldn't shirk your own ambitions. But by recognizing your co-worker's aspirations, you might ease your strained relationship.

Regardless of the outcome, you're ready for an upwards move. If this internal advancement doesn't pan out, consider opportunities outside your present organization. Then you can feel happy for yourself — and your friend.

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Closures spell difficulty for students seeking employment

Job search. Summer job hunters may need to broaden search following retail breakdowns: Experts

Students and new graduates on the hunt for summer jobs may find the search even more daunting given the recent grim news on the homegrown retail front.

With Target shuttering its 133 Canadian locations and Jacob, Mexx, Sony, Parasuco and Jones New York closing up shop, will short-term job opportunities be tougher to come by?

Hershi Rubinoff, president of career site CPG Connect, said she's seen a huge influx of visits from Target employees since the Minneapolis-based retailer announced its exit from the Canadian marketplace.

"I think that's the biggest problem that students and new grads are going to run into this summer because as they're applying for those part-time retail positions, there's going to be a plethora of candidates in the market from Target and ... other retailers," Rubinoff said.

"Because there's going to be so many of them looking for work, they're going to have the experience, and they're likely going to be willing to accept a lower wage."

But Lauren Friese, founder of TalentEgg, a Canadian job site and career resource for students and recent graduates, said it's still unknown how many of the eliminated jobs would have been available to young people.



Young professionals are having to hustle in market that's bringing on hurdle after hurdle. ISTOCK

Unexpected competition

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The job market for teens and young adults remains a tough one. Statistics Canada data revealed the youth unemployment rate declined by 0.7 percentage points in January to 12.8 per cent, with 30,300 more young people working compared to the year prior. Still, the youth unemployment rate far exceeds the national figure of 6.6 per cent.

Rubinoff said young people should be diversifying their job searches and looking to different sectors for potential opportunities.

"I know that event marketing is always something that is very big and definitely picks up in the summertime as the different consumer packaged goods companies look at grassroots ways to reach their target audience," she said.

Friese recently gave an hour-long presentation in which she stressed three main points on pursuing summer and post-graduate work: being resourceful, creative and taking action.

"Being resourceful starts with being very organized and figuring out all the different types of resources that are out there to help you, whether they're in the online world or the offline

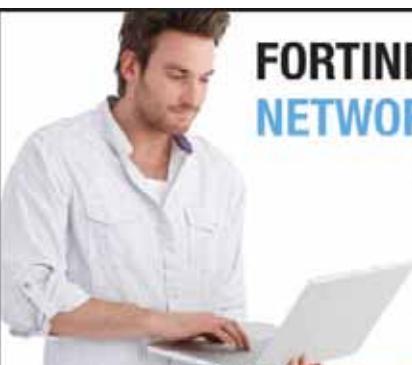
world," said Friese, whose website features Bright Ideas, an online initiative aimed at crowdsourcing solutions to improve Canada's youth employment.

Friese said she thinks the exciting part of summer employment is that students get the chance to gain experience in an area they may be uncertain they like or want to pursue for the long haul.

"Once you graduate and enter into 'the real world' you don't get those opportunities to take career sabbaticals. You don't get those opportunities to just try something new," she said.

"You commit to something and you're expected to stay there long-term. And if you do jump around a lot, you're thought of as a job-hopper that's not sure of what they want to do."

"If you do it while you're still in school it's a completely different impression," she added. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Career. Entrepreneur says that it's a great time to work toward an MBA



Employers want creative thinkers who can work in groups. iSTOCK

While technology and hiring trends are constantly evolving, one thing remains true: A strong foundation will give students the skills they need throughout their careers.

"In our minds, the upswings in the economy have stimulated new businesses," says Sunil Sani, an entrepreneur and venture capitalist who is the co-founder of Careerglider.com, a site geared toward helping young people figure out their educational and career path.

"Having an MBA highlights a skill set that many employers want." We talked to Sani — himself an MBA holder from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania — about how the degree can further certain career goals.

Seeing the full picture

"The best part about an MBA is the networking, because you work in groups," says Sani. "You are given a business problem and have to come in with your own solutions and get to a lively discussion as a group." Those group negotiations, he says, give students a glimpse of what it is like to market products and negotiate deals at a company. Good research is

key to finding a school that's a right fit for your interests and needs. Careerglider.com offers a blog with advice for potential students as well as information on different programs in the region.

Preparation for the startup world

"MBA programs are the main feeders for the investment bank world," says Sani. "However, one great thing about the degree is that it can be used in fields like health care, consulting and even social media." Sani says he is seeing more companies looking for candidates with MBA backgrounds in fields like marketing.

The ability to branch out on your own

"When I got my MBA, I went in knowing that I'd be going into a family business," says Sani. "It's really about getting into small-business management." Sani reminds students that networking is more than just hanging out with your classmates after a lecture. "I've worked with some of (my classmates) and I've invested with some of them, too."

METRO

Career. How to date a co-worker without putting your job and reputation in jeopardy

LAKSHMI GANDHI
Metro in New York

While many people claim that they'd never date someone at work, the numbers tell a different story. According to a 2014 CareerBuilder survey, 38 per cent of workers say they've dated a co-worker. But mixing love and the workplace can be tricky.

Here's what you should do if the love bug infects your office.

Proceed with caution

Have you ever dealt with a messy breakup and you're oh-so-glad your ex lives across town? Well, what happens when he or she's in the next cubicle pod? Proceed slowly and remain professional at the office — no PDA after-hours at the copier, OK?

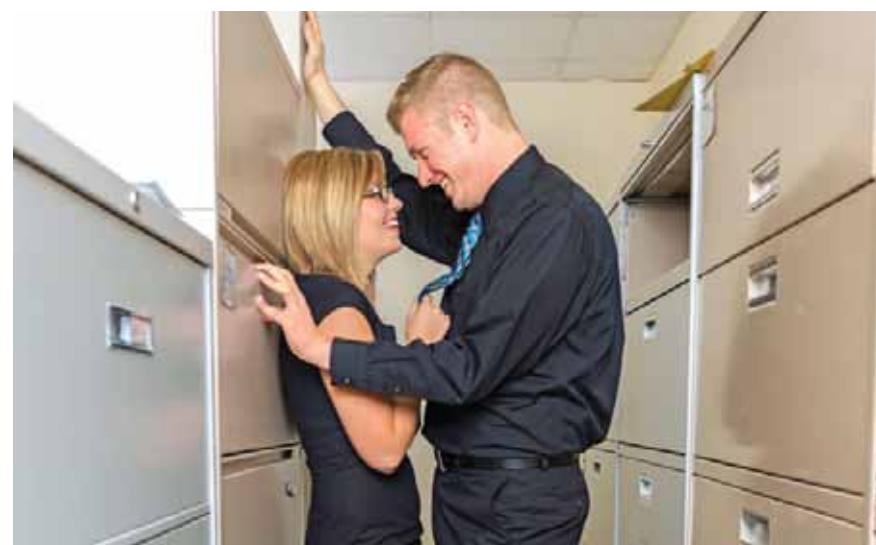
That's not to say romance can't blossom and result in marriage, but the alternative — a fling leading to a stressful breakup and constant runs at the water cooler, not to

Compartmentalize

Remember to set up your Facebook privacy settings so everyone doesn't know about your romantic weekend away or the cute selfies you took after work.

- This is especially true as things get more serious. If it's looking like you've found your soulmate, do you really want everyone knowing your business?

When Cupid aims for your cubicle



It's all very exciting when a fling comes your way, but keep the flirting at a minimum in the workplace. iSTOCK

mention career setbacks — are possibilities as well.

Do not date your boss

This is simply not smart — your career and reputation are at stake, and if word gets out, your colleagues may be jealous and think you're getting special treatment. Or, your boss

may overcompensate and be harsher on you with demanding work and performance reviews. Just say no. And if you're the boss, avoid dating someone you manage at all costs.

The key to delicately handling office politics is to be protective of your love life by

keeping your romance on the down low.

If it's obvious you're spending lunchtime together and are spotted out and about there's no need to deny it.

But in the ideal scenario, it should be up to you to decide when to tell colleagues you are a couple.



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A stuffed chicken breast is always a tender and delicious entree. The asparagus, brie and roasted peppers give this meal an attractive appearance since we also eat with our eyes.

If you want a stronger flavour, try using aged cheddar or goat cheese.

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts (about 4 breasts)
- 1 egg
- 2 tbsp 2% milk (or water)
- 2/3 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese (1/2 oz)
- 2 tsp vegetable oil

Stuffing

- 12 small (or 4 large) asparagus spears (about 1/4 lb/125 g), trimmed
- 1/4 cup diced brie (1 oz)
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese (1/2 oz)
- 1/4 cup chopped roasted red pepper (about 2 small roasted red peppers)
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh basil



TOTAL TIME
ABOUT 32 MINUTES

This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

You can also ask your supermarket or butcher to cut the chicken breasts into scaloppini to eliminate pounding the chicken.

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Lightly coat a 9- x 13-inch casserole dish with cooking spray.
2. Working with one at a time, place a chicken breast between 2 sheets of waxed paper and pound to an even 2-inch thickness. Set aside.

Nutritional information

Per serving

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| • Calories. 333 | • Total fat. 10.8 g |
| • Carbohydrates. 16 g | • Saturated fat. 3.2 g |
| • Fibre. 2 g | • Cholesterol. 156 mg |
| • Protein. 40.5 g | • Sodium. 331.5 mg |

3. To make the stuffing: Boil or steam the asparagus until just tender, about 2 minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water. Dice and place it in a bowl. Add the brie, Parme-

san, red pepper and dried basil.

4. Lay the chicken breasts flat and divide the stuffing equally among them. Roll up and secure with a toothpick. Whisk together the egg and milk and place in a shallow bowl. Combine the bread crumbs and Parmesan in another shallow bowl or plate.

5. Lightly coat a large non-stick skillet with cooking spray, add the oil and set over medium-high heat. Dip

the rolled chicken into the egg mixture and then into the bread crumbs. Sauté the rolled chicken just until browned on all sides, about 5 minutes.

6. Place in the prepared casserole dish and bake another 10 to 15 minutes or until the chicken is no longer pink (or reaches an internal temperature of 165 F). Slice in half or into medallions to serve. Garnish with fresh basil. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN**



This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

A steak that keeps vegetarians in mind

Once you try my recipe for Cauliflower Steak with Sundried Tomato and Olive Salsa, you'll never boil or steam this vegetable again.

For this recipe, buy the largest cauliflower head you can find. Be sure you leave the stem on. By cutting a whole cauliflower into thick slices, you can easily sauté and then roast it at a very high temperature. The result is a delicious and elegant way to serve this simple vegetable.

I like to serve it as either a first course or vegetable side

dish. It can be the perfect entree for a vegetarian meal.

1. Preheat oven to 450 F.

2. Remove the leaves from the cauliflower, leaving the stem end intact. Slice cauliflower into four 1/2-inch "steaks."

Ingredients

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| • 1 large head of cauliflower | • 6 rehydrated sun-dried tomatoes, sliced thinly |
| • 1/2 cup pitted thinly sliced black olives | • 2 tbsp olive oil |
| | • 1/2 tsp minced garlic |
| | • 1/2 tsp lemon juice |
| | • 2 tbsp chopped basil or parsley |

Some florets will separate, which you can use for another recipe.

3. In a large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, sauté cauliflower steaks for about 3 minutes per side, just until browned. Place on baking

sheet lined with foil and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, just until fork tender.

4. Meanwhile in a small bowl, combine olives, tomatoes, olive oil, garlic, lemon juice and basil. Divide over top and serve. **ROSE REISMAN**

NHL

Bruins rout Hawks to snap six-game losing streak

Patrice Bergeron opened the scoring with his 200th goal, then added two assists in Boston's four-goal second period and the Bruins snapped a season-high six-game losing streak with a 6-2 rout of the Chicago Blackhawks on Sunday.

Reilly Smith had a goal and assist for the Bruins, who were 0-4-2 during the slide, their longest winless stretch since 2010. Loui Eriksson, Milan Lucic, Gregory Campbell and Dougie Hamilton also scored for Boston.

Jonathan Toews and Bryan Bickell scored for the Blackhawks, who have lost three straight (0-2-1).

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Shore's jersey sells for \$119K

An NHL jersey once worn by Hall of Fame defenceman Eddie Shore has sold for \$119,500 US.

Shore's Boston Bruins No. 2 sweater was sold to an anonymous collector from New York on Saturday at Heritage Auctions' Sports Platinum Night Auction.

Shore, a four-time winner of the NHL's most valuable player award, was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1947. He died in 1985 of a lung infection aged 82.

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Swimming

Phelps gets engaged as ban winds down

Michael Phelps has taken the plunge and gotten engaged.

The 18-time Olympic gold medalist announced on Twitter he's marrying Nicole Johnson, who was Miss California in 2010 and has dated the swimmer on and off the past few years.

Phelps tweeted Sunday: "She said yes." He also posted a photo of the couple hugging in the snow.

Phelps, 29, is finishing a six-month suspension from USA Swimming for his second drunken-driving arrest. The suspension ends March 6, and he is expected to return to competition at Mesa, Ariz., in April.

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Homan fades, finishes with bronze medal

Team Canada skip Rachel Homan, bottom, calls a shot during the bronze-medal game against Saskatchewan at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Moose Jaw, Sask., Sunday. Homan, the two-time defending champion from Ottawa, secured a 7-5 victory by drawing to the four-foot in the 10th end. Alberta's Val Sweeting was scheduled to face Manitoba's Jennifer Jones in the final on Sunday night. For the story, go to metronews.ca. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

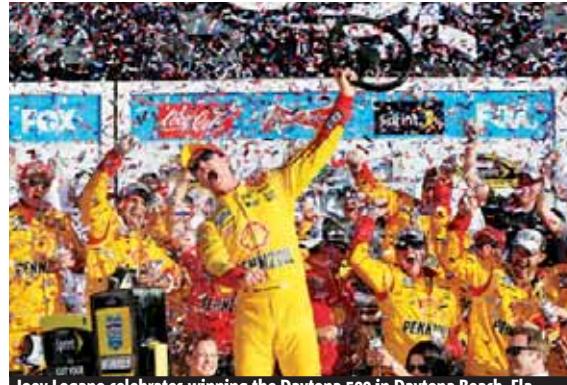
'Sliced Bread' is toast of Daytona

NASCAR. Logano wins season-opening Sprint Cup race under caution

Joey Logano, the driver who has spent seven years trying to live up to impossible expectations, raced to his first career Daytona 500 victory Sunday as he continued to reward Roger Penske for catapulting him into one of NASCAR's top stars.

Nicknamed "Sliced Bread" when he broke into the Sprint Cup Series at 18 because so many predicted him to be the next big thing, Logano found himself searching for a new job after four underwhelming seasons.

He was snatched up by Penske for the 2013 season after being dropped by Joe Gibbs Racing, a move that jumpstarted his career. His victory in "The Great American Race" on Sunday gave "The



Joey Logano celebrates winning the Daytona 500 in Daytona Beach, Fla., Sunday. CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY IMAGES

Captain" his second Daytona 500 title. Penske, one of the most respected team owners in motorsports, also has a record 15 Indianapolis 500 wins.

"Daytona 500, oh my God! Are you kidding me?" Logano yelled in victory lane. "I was so nervous the whole race."

The 24-year-old from Connecticut was quiet for most of

Runners-up

Reigning Sprint Cup champion Kevin Harvick finished second and was followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr., the defending race winner.

to have the race under control, but a caution with three laps remaining forced him to fight for the win one last time.

NASCAR needed nearly seven minutes of stoppage to clean the track, and it set up a two-lap sprint to the finish.

Logano sat in his car thinking about a strategy, which wasn't the most comforting feeling.

"You got a red flag, and they give you the opportunity to think of everything," he said.

He got a terrific jump on the field before a wreck further back brought out the yellow flag. It froze the field and Logano won under caution.

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4 SPORTS

Liverpool stays hot vs. Saints

Premier League. Refs swallow whistles, Coutinho, Sterling lift Reds at Southampton

Liverpool moved two points off the top four in the Premier League with a 2-0 win at Southampton on Sunday, while Tottenham fought back for a 2-2 draw with West Ham.

The victory moves Liverpool into sixth and Brendan Rodgers' side is now two points behind Manchester United, who still occupies the fourth and final Champions League position, despite losing 2-1 to Swansea on Saturday.

A brilliant long-range strike from Philippe Coutinho put Liverpool ahead after three minutes, with the Brazil international's effort beating Southampton goalkeeper Fraser Forster from 25 yards and going in off the crossbar.

Southampton had most of the possession in the second half but could not break down Liverpool's stern defence.

And Raheem Sterling se-

Race for the top four

	W-D-L	Pts
Chelsea	18-6-2	60
Man. City	16-7-3	55
Arsenal	14-6-6	48
Man. United	13-8-5	47
S. Hampton	14-4-8	46
Liverpool	13-6-7	45
Tottenham	13-5-8	44
West Ham	10-9-7	39

cured the win in the 73rd, lashing in from the edge of the area after Matt Targett failed to clear Alberto Moreno's cross.

"It is an excellent win, defensively we were very strong," Rodgers said, before refusing to be drawn on his side's chances of usurping United. "It is just going to be small steps for us. We have organized the team in a different way and we have been playing two or three times a week now for the last four months and today was a huge win."

Elsewhere, Everton was held 2-2 at home to bottom club Leicester.

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Liverpool's Philippe Coutinho put his name into the goal of the year conversation with a 25-yard strike on Sunday at Southampton. GLYN KIRK/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Around Europe Sunday

- In Italy, Roma's slim title hopes faded as it drew 1-1 at Hellas Verona in Serie A to fall nine points behind league leader Juventus.
- In Germany, Dutch striker Bas Dost scored two as Wolfsburg solidified No. 2 in the Bundesliga with a 2-1 win over relegation bound Hertha Berlin.
- In France, Young midfielder Nabil Fekir scored as Lyon beat Nantes 1-0 to restore its two-point lead over holders Paris Saint-Germain in Ligue 1.
- In Spain, Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema gave Real Madrid a 2-0 win at Elche, as the Spanish leaders capitalized on Barcelona's stumble to increase their advantage to four points.



Giannis Antetokounmpo dunks during the Bucks' loss on Sunday in Milwaukee. DARREN HAUCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hawks give Bucks the business in Milwaukee

A late-night study session worked wonders for the Atlanta Hawks.

The best team in the Eastern Conference avoided its first three-game slide of the season by pulling away in the fourth quarter against another surprising NBA squad.

Paul Millsap had 23 points and 16 rebounds in Atlanta's 97-86 win over the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday, two days after coach Mike Budenholzer had his team in the film room following a 25-point loss to Toronto.

"It helps to see what

you're doing wrong," Millsap said. "Calling guys out letting them know it's not going to be acceptable. Tonight, guys were playing well."

Kyle Korver hit three three-pointers in the fourth quarter after Atlanta squandered an early 16-point lead. Korver finished with 12 points.

Giannis Antetokounmpo's two foul shots for Milwaukee with 49 seconds left in the third quarter tied it at 64.

But Atlanta returned to its usual formula in the final period, making extra passes

on offence and frustrating the Bucks on defence.

Atlanta opened the fourth with a 24-9 run, including a three and an open layup by Millsap for a 90-73 lead with 5:05 left.

"We had that third quarter where it got tight," Budenholzer said. "It was good for our group to have it get tight and then respond and find a way (and) get ... better defensively."

Antetokounmpo and Khris Middleton each finished with 19 points for Milwaukee, which had won four in a row.

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Around the NBA Sunday

- Cavaliers 101, Knicks 83. LeBron James and Kyrie Irving each scored 18 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Knicks.
- Pistons 106, Wizards 89. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 26 points, Andre Drummond added 18 points and 16 rebounds as Detroit beat Washington.
- Pacers 104, Warriors 98.

Rodney Stuckey scored 30 points to help the Indiana Pacers beat the NBA-leading Golden State Warriors.

Magic 103, 76ers 98. Nik Vucevic had 31 points and 14 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic beat the Philadelphia 76ers 103-98 on Sunday night for their first three-game winning streak of the season.

Qatar 2022

Winter World Cup looking more likely

Global football executives will fly into Qatar this week to conclude discussions on when the 2022 World Cup should be played. The outcome already seems clear: Football's biggest event will be played in November and December for the first time unless FIFA unexpectedly gives into European opposition.

In Doha on Tuesday, power brokers from Europe's

clubs and leagues on FIFA's Qatar task force will once again spell out the disruption that would be created by splitting their August-May seasons. But with the final scheduling decision resting with FIFA's executive committee, it seems unlikely president Sepp Blatter's desire for November-December will be overruled.

Asian Football Confederation president Sheikh Salman Bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa indicated last month that the November-December switch had already been "resolved."

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NBA

OKC's Durant out after foot surgery

Kevin Durant had surgery Sunday to alleviate pain in his right foot, and the Oklahoma City Thunder expect him to return during the regular season.

A screw was replaced from his October operation for a broken bone in the right foot. Thunder general manager Sam Presti said the star forward will be evaluated again within a week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Slalom

Teen Shiffrin gets record 12th win

Mikaela Shiffrin defied the pouring rain to comfortably earn her 12th career slalom win Sunday in Maribor, Slovenia, taking sole possession of the women's World Cup record for most wins in the discipline by a teenager.

The American, who turns 20 next month, had previously shared the record with France's Perrine Pelen, who set it in the 1980s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mikaela Shiffrin built a 0.68-second lead in a flawless opening leg, and needed only the 12th-fastest time in the final run to wrap up the win. CHRISTOPHE PALLOT/AGENCE ZOOM/GETTY IMAGES



Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Working behind the scenes can be frustrating for someone as outgoing as you. But it does enable you to do things you don't want others to see.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Some people may say you are being too cautious, especially with money, but your sixth sense tells you this is not a good time to splash out.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Just because you disagree with someone does not mean you cannot be friends. The message of the stars today is differences of opinion must not be allowed to come between you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

If someone you live or work with needs assistance today, and according to the planets they most likely will, you must go out of your way to help.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Keep standards high over the coming week and make sure those around you aim high too. You'll be judged as much on who you know as what you do.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

With the Sun at right angles to Saturn, you will have to give ground. Compromise is not an option, it's essential. There are times when you have no choice but to work as part of a team, and this is one of them.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You may have to postpone something you were looking forward to but looking back at the end of the week you will be relieved you never got started.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You need to recognize that you do not have unlimited resources. If there is something you want, and it doesn't come cheap, you may have to put it on your wait list for a while.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Saturn in your sign at odds with the Sun today means you must not get worked up about something which, in the greater scheme of things, is of only minor importance.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

What a friend or relative tells you may not be what you were hoping to hear but it is good advice and if you are smart you will listen and learn.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Stay out of a dispute today, even if you think you can bring the two sides together. Chances are you will bring them together but it is likely to be in opposition to you!

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't worry if your latest project does not seem to be making much progress. There is a good cosmic reason why you are being held back.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

Across

1. Acknowledge
6. Bottom-of-letter letters
9. In ___ (Sequentially)
13. "From ___ shining..."
14. "___ what's up, doc?" - Bugs Bunny
15. "Tiny Bubbles" singer: 2 wds.
17. Michigan city of song
19. Keep your ___ the prize
20. Catch
21. WWII-era service-women
23. "___ Boot" (1981)
24. One was set up by a German U-boat landing party in Martin Bay in Northern Labrador in WWII: 2 wds.
27. Currency exchange fee
28. Songstress Ms. Gore
30. Aura
33. Santa Fe, ___.
35. Ailments
36. Glimmer
37. Positive opp.
38. "Darn ___!"
39. "You leave ___ choice..."
40. Like venison
41. Not any
42. Deep blue
44. Blood type, ___.
46. Toronto Maple Leafs mascot: 3 wds.

Down

52. Association [abbr.]
53. Get paid
54. Six-headed mythological sea monster
55. Actress Sophia
57. Chantal Kreviazuk
58. Hit: 2 wds.
59. Olympic sprinter
60. Mr. Bolt
61. Painting stand
62. Thesaurus entries, briefly
63. Dangerous fly, when doubled
64. Salon snippee

Down

1. Awry
2. Actor, Cameron ___ Stewart

3. Mediterranean island

4. "But is ___?" (Museum query, perhaps)

5. Weapon axe

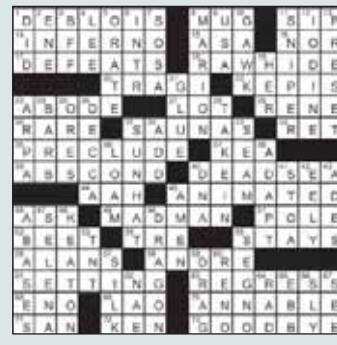
6. Collectible candy dispenser

7. Exhibit etiquette: 3 wds.

8. Piglet

9. "___ Fideles"
10. Mr. Orbison
11. Bill phased out by the Loonie: 2 wds.
12. Ms. Furtado's debut album: 2 wds.!
16. Switch selections
18. Take down ___ (Humble)
22. Mineral residue
25. Actress Lisa Dara

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Last week's Sudoku

9	4	7	3	1	8	6	2	5
2	8	6	5	7	9	4	1	3
1	5	3	4	2	6	9	7	8
8	6	5	7	9	3	1	4	2
4	1	2	6	8	5	3	9	7
3	7	9	1	4	2	5	8	6
6	2	1	8	5	4	7	3	9
5	9	4	2	3	7	8	6	1
7	3	8	9	6	1	2	5	4

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4	9	5	1	8
2	5		9	4
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